

originally intended. For the construction of the canal United States bonds will be issued to the amount of \$130,000,000. In some quarters it is believed that withdrawing \$50,000,000 cash from the Treasury will disturb business interests, as most of the cash balance of the Treasury Department is deposited in the national banks throughout the country. If the republicans hesitate to risk withdrawing this money, the democrats will be sure to point out the weakness of a financial system, by which the Treasury cannot withdraw its own money and will be likely to condemn Secretary Shaw more than ever for placing such large sums in the banks. However this is one of the many problems which the republicans must solve. A recent outbreak of the democratic Senators it was made evident that most of them would not oppose a treaty with Panama case the President should send one to the Senate. A two-thirds majority would be necessary to pass it and consequently some democratic votes would be needed. In most of the Southern States there is a strong sentiment in favor of a canal, as it is believed that after its construction, higher prices could be obtained for cotton, and cotton-goods. For this reason the Southern Senators, although they condemn the manner in which the Administration has dealt with Colombia, do not care to go on record as opponents of any measure which will hasten the construction of the waterway.

There is much comment here over the news that United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, republican, from Nebraska has been indicted by the federal grand jury of Omaha on the charge of bribery and conspiracy in connection with the appointment of Jacob Fisher as Postmaster of Hastings, Nebraska. It is said that the Senator accepted money and property to the amount of \$1,300 in return for urging Fisher's appointment. Nineteen of the twenty grand jurors favored the indictment.

The Senator declares that the charge is the result of a political conspiracy and is doing all in his power to have W. S. Summers, the United States District Attorney who prosecuted the case, removed from office. From the different reports received here it appears that the Senator erected a building in Hastings to which the town post office was removed from a building owned by the Grand Army, who also owned the fixtures of the office. Senator Dietrich rented the office for less than it was thought he ought to receive. A new postmaster was to be appointed and Fisher supported his application for the position by agreeing to buy the fixtures from the Grand Army and to reimburse the Senator for the difference between what he asked and what he received as rent for the office. Such payments were made for several months, when the Senator realizing the questionable character of the transaction returned the money to Fisher and his assistant postmaster. Fisher claims that the disappointed applicants for the place backed by the rival section of the Town which wanted the post office, and by political enemies of Senator Dietrich have connected the present changes. However, it is evident that there were at least some indiscreet irregularities in the transaction and it is well that the Senator has waived his constitutional immunity to such prosecution and will return to Nebraska as soon as possible to stand trial.

FREE MASONRY ODDFELLOWSHIP

Continued from last week.

MORIAH. The name of the whole mountain, on the several hills and hollows of which the city of Jerusalem stood, was called Moriah, or Vision; because it was high land, and could be seen afar off, especially from the south, but afterwards that name was appropriated to the most elevated part on which the Temple was erected, and where Jehovah appeared to David. This mountain is a rocky limestone hill, steep of ascent on every side, except the north, and is surrounded on the other sides by a group of hills, in the form of an amphitheatre, which situation rendered it secure from the earthquakes that appear to have been frequent in the Holy Land, and have furnished the prophets with many elegant allusions.

MORTALITY. Let the emblems of mortality which lie before you lead you to contemplate your inevitable destiny, and guide your reflection to that most interesting of human study—the knowledge of yourself. Be careful to perform your allotted task while it is yet day; continue to listen to the voice of nature, which bears witness that even in this perishable frame resides a vital and immortal principle, which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to the bright Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

MOSAIC PAVEMENT. The mosaic pavement was found before the porch of King Solomon's Temple. Fortunate are they who can draw near unto it, as also unto the porch.

MOSES. Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; he was initiated in all the knowledge of the wise men of that nation, by whom the learning of antiquity had been retained and held sacred; wrapped up from the eye of the wicked and vulgar in symbols and hieroglyphics, and communicated to men of their own order only, with care, secrecy, and circumspection. This secrecy is not in any wise to be wondered at, when we consider the persecution which would have followed a faith unacceptable to the ignorance of the nations who were enveloped in superstition and bigotry. Moses purged divine worship of its mysteries and images,

and taught the Jews the knowledge of the God of the Universe; unpolished with the errors of the nations of the earth, and uncorrupted with the devices and ludicrous ceremonies instituted by the people of the east, from whom he derived his first knowledge of the Divinity.

MOUNT OF GOD. The ascent to the summit of the paradisiacal mount of God, by means of a pyramid consisting of seven steps, was an old notion, certainly entertained before the vision of Jacob, for it prevailed amongst the Mexican savages, and the original settlers on the vast continent of America could have no knowledge of this vision, either by tradition or personal experience. The Jewish Cabalists entertained a belief that the paradisiacal mount was the place of residence chosen by the children of Seth, while the contaminated descendants of Cain resided in the plains below; and its altitude was said to be so great, that from its summit might be heard the angels of heaven, singing their celestial anthems before the throne of God!

MOVEABLE JEWELS. The compasses, square, level and plumb, are called the moveable jewels, because they distinguish the officers of a lodge, and are transferable to their successors. They were formerly suspended from narrow white ribbons, which were succeeded by blue of the same width; but the regulation now is, "the collars to be made of light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon."

MYSTERY. The word mystery has given occasion to many improper impressions against our masonic societies. Treason, infidelity, a charge of taking rash and unnecessary obligations, have been laid to their responsibility, yet none of these charges have ever been substantiated by their persecutors. The word mystery has brought down anathemas from ever-zealous divines upon the heads of Masons, and has induced merciless governors to use their weapons against the Craft, when, upon a slight inquiry, the church as well as the state might be informed, that devotion to God, obedience to the state, and to all superiors, brotherly love and universal charity, are the principles which separate our Fraternity from all other secret societies which have of late years risen, to the degradation of religion, and to the danger of good order in society and the state.

History and Cyclopædia of Freemasonry by Macey Oliver. Page 591-592-593-594 and 595.

JAH-VILLE: FOWLER Mo.

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You ask cannot, the poorest join the church of Christ? Yes would be my answer. Let us look back to the times of the Apostles, there we see the church of Christ, as Christ established it. Yes great multitudes were in that church; no man had ought that he called his own, they went about from house to house breaking bread with singleness of heart. As it reads:

"And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." (Acts 2-42.)

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." (Acts 4-32.)

Is that as the Church is today? I think not, Christ said? Be ye one as the Father and I are one.

Is that the case today? Is there any of the one thousand churches that will fill the bill? You answer no! But you find that John saw a falling away; Yes John on that desolate Isle of Patmos saw and admonishes them, (or us in these last days.) In this language,

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee; because thou hast left thy first love."

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Rev. 2-4-5.)

We can see plainly what the church has fallen from, has it ever been returned? Have they done the first work over? Are they going from house to house breaking bread with singleness of heart? Are they of one heart and one soul?

Has the candlestick been put in his place again? I think not; not since the beast that came up out of the earth, that caused the whole earth to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed. See (Rev. 13-12.)

There is nothing but strife and contention, no more going from house to house breaking bread with singleness of heart but instead the church of Christ has been lost sight of, and the people have been divided up, into over one thousand different bodies, calling themselves churches, yes the candlestick was removed at that time, and we have grouped our way in darkness ever since, and wandering about with an uncertain light, which is worse than darkness.

But thank God, there is now a way that those that wish can get the true light, the two witnesses are once more upon their feet.

Come, let us do the first works, (re-establish the church,) that Zerababel may be seen with the plummet in his hands with those seven.

Now Bro. you say that the Bible does not say that He [Christ] instituted the Lord's Supper in secret, or that there was a third story, or that there were no women there:

Let us now see what God or Christ does say about this matter, as for me His Word as spoken by Him or His disciples is good enough, all the conjectures of man outside does not amount to a fig,

We have 666 doctrines of men that are recognized by the governments, and there is not one of them that will hold water, God says his word is so plain that a fool though a wayfaring man need not ere therein when we find a doctrine that is full of mysteries and contradictions and claiming to be founded on God's Word, we had better shun them as we would the bite of a rattlesnake. As its touch is more deadly than the bite of the rattler.

Now please go with me to the 26th. ch. of Matt. and read.

"Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the pass-over."

"And he said, Go into the City to such a man, and say unto him, the Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples."

"And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them, and they made ready the passover."

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." (Matt. 26-17-20.)

You see there were only twelve, if there had of been more, Christ would have said so, as I find no place in His Word where he said there was more than twelve.

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body." (Matt. 26-26.)

Next we will ask Mark to give his evidence in this matter.

"And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover."

And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him."

And whosoever he shall go in, say ye to the Goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, when I shall eat the passover with my disciples?"

And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them; and they made ready the passover."

And in the evening he cometh with the twelve."

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread; and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them and said, Take, eat; this is my body."

And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them; and they all drank of it." (Mark 14-12-13-14-15-16-17-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100.)

Now we will see if Luke knows any thing about how and where Christ instituted the Lord's Supper.

"And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at this time."

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him."

Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing."

And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him."

And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate."

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